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SUBJECT: MID-CAREER PROGRAM FOR LATIN AMERICAN
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1. DEPARTMENT PLEASED TO LEARN OF POST'S IMPRESSIVE START
TOWARD PARTICIPATION IN MID-CAREER PROGRAM BY CONTACTING 25
GOVERNMENT AND PRIVATE ORGANIZATIONS. WE ARE SOMEWHAT
SURPRISED THAT THE \$5,000 CONTRIBUTION HAS PROVED AN
OBSTACLE AS THIS HAS NOT BEEN THE CASE IN OTHER COUNTRIES.

2. WE ARE UNABLE TO REDUCE THE REQUIRED AMOUNT BELOW THE
\$5,000 FIGURE. HOWEVER, IT IS POSSIBLE THAT SOME OF THE
\$5,000 MIGHT BE CHARGED TO POST ANNUAL ALLOCATION, WITH
GRANTEE'S EMPLOYER PROVIDING THE DIFFERENCE IF YOU WISH.
WE S'GGEST YOU DISCUSS FUNDING WITH GNECCO AND LOCAL LATF
REPRESENTATIVE JESSE AGUIRRE (TEL. 36-03-33). RATHER THAN
INSISTING ON \$5,000 LOCAL CONTRIBUTION, EMPHASIS COULD
BE PUT ON EMPLOYER'S CONTINUING GRANTEE'S SALARY DURING
GRANT PERIOD (WITH POSSIBLE POST SUPPLEMENTATION AS MENTIONED
ABOVE). WHAT IS ABSOLUTELY ESSENTIAL IS THAT THERE BE A
REAL COMMITMENT ON THE PART OF THE EMPLOYER. NO CANDIDATE
CAN BE CONSIDERED WHOSE FINANCING WOULD BE ENTIRELY FROM
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U.S. GOVERNMENT FUNDS.

3. PARTICIPANTS' EMPLOYERS ARE EXPECTED TO PROVIDE FUNDS
FOR TRAVEL AND LIVING COSTS OF ACCOMPANYING FAMILY MEMBERS.

4. AS INDICATED REF. (B), PROGRAM NOT OFFERED THIS YEAR
THROUGH CIES. IN ANY CASE, THE ONLY DIFFERENCE BETWEEN
THE 2 PROGRAMS WOULD ONLY HAVE BEEN IN LIVING COSTS AND
THAT DIFFERENCE WOULD HAVE BEEN SLIGHT BECAUSE AREAS
WHERE MID-CAREER PARTICIPANTS WOULD NORMALLY BE PLACED
ARE ALL QUITE HIGH COST. KISSINGER

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